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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Central Intelligence**FROM:** Chief, DCI Interagency Balkan Task Force**SUBJECT:** Principals' Committee Meeting on Bosnia, 4 October 1995

1. Wednesday's Principals-only meeting will focus on a Holbrooke delegation update, the arm and train proposal, IFOR planning, and the question of whether the US should help to enforce a cease-fire.



You may also be asked to provide an update on the situation on the ground, where there have been some recent developments. I will present you with the latest information during the drive from your residence to the White House.

- According to UN information, the Bosnian Muslims today launched an offensive south of Sarajevo, but still within the exclusion zone.
- Meanwhile, by all accounts, the Serbs are making limited gains against the Muslims in western Bosnia. The Croatians/Bosnian Croats continue to sit on their hands, not taking any action to help relieve pressure on the Muslims. This inaction promises to further burden the federation.
- The MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS TAB includes a background paper we prepared today at the request of the Holbrooke delegation. Holbrooke plans to use a sanitized version tomorrow in an effort to persuade Izetbegovic to accept a cease-fire. 

2. Holbrooke continues to tour the region at a blistering pace. He was in Belgrade and Zagreb today, plans to go to Sarajevo and Belgrade tomorrow, followed by the Contact Group meeting in Rome on Thursday. It is still not clear how much--if any--progress is being made in negotiating a cease-fire and narrowing differences over the territorial division of Bosnia. 

3. The RUSSIAN VIEWS TAB includes a short paper on Moscow's perspective on participation in the IFOR. There was a lengthy discussion of Russia participation at today's Bosnia IWG, with a split appearing between State and Defense. Defense wants to avoid any "UN virus" in IFOR and would even prefer the Russians in IFOR to operate under national authority rather than through the UN. NSC and State want some sort of dual-hat arrangement with Janvier. JCS was asked to reexamine similar arrangements for the French and Arab states in the Persian Gulf war. 

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4. The MACEDONIA TAB includes a short assessment of the implications of today's assassination attempt against President Gligorov. [Redacted]

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